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SUBJ: NORTON SIMON' S STATUE

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ALTHOUGH WE DO NOT RECALL GOI OFFICIALS HAVING MENTIONED
NORTON SIMON' S NATARAJ STATUE PER SE, PROBLEM OF ANTIQUE SMUGGLING
HAS BEEN CITED TO US BY THE INDIANS. AS NOTED REF B, M. G. ABROL,
MEMBER (CUSTOMS), CENTRAL BOARD OF EXCISE AND CUSTOMS, ASKED
THE VISITING US CUSTOMS TEAM OF MESSRS. SHANLEY AND LACY IN
EARLY APRIL ABOUT THE SMUGGLING OF ANTIQUES, FOR WHICH THE US IS A
MAJOR MARKET. MR. ABROL MENTIONED A RECENTLY- SMUGGLED INDIAN
ARTIFACT THE RETURN OF WHICH THE GOVERNMENT HAD SOUGHT, THUS FAR
UNSUCCESSFULLY. EMBASSY BELIEVES HE WAS REFERRING TO NATARAJ
STATUE. MR. SHANLEY PROMISED TO LOOK INTO THE MATTER IN
WASHINGTON.
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